

REMARKS

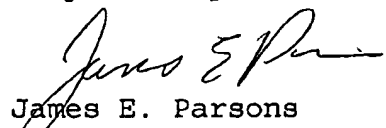
Applicant appreciates the previously issued Notice of Allowance, but submits along with this Request for Continued Examination various references cited in a related case, serial no. 09/663,658.

Separately, various claims are cancelled or amended, and new claims are added. The amendments are not directed to patentability issues, but rather reflect an attempt to obtain commercially better claims.

If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 451-5906 to expedite prosecution of this case.

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